

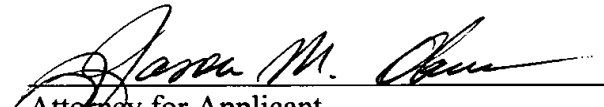
REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment is to correct typographical errors in the "Field of Invention" section of the specification. Both the errors and the corrections are clear. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present case.

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APPENDIX

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15 and ending at page 1, line 20 has been amended as follows:

Hitherto, the chromatic aberration of an optical system has been corrected by combining optical elements made of glass materials different in dispersion. Further, the articles published in SPIE Vol. 1354 on pages [13543, pp.] 24-37 disclose [discloses] a method of correcting chromatic aberration using a diffraction optical system.